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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
12 **IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

13 SOILWORKS, LLC, an Arizona
14 corporation,

15 Plaintiff / Counterdefendant /
16 Counterclaimant,

17 v.

18 MIDWEST INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY, INC.,
19 an Ohio corporation authorized to do
20 business in Arizona,

21 Defendant / Counterclaimant /
22 Counterdefendant.

NO.: 2:06-CV-2141-DGC

**SOILWORKS, LLC'S ANSWERS TO
MIDWEST INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY,
INC.'S FIRST SET OF
INTERROGATORIES**

23 Pursuant to Rules 33 and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff,
24 Soilworks, LLC ("**Soilworks**") hereby responds to Defendant Midwest Industrial Supply,
25 Inc.'s ("**Midwest**") First Set of Interrogatories, dated May 22, 2007.

26 **GENERAL STATEMENTS**

27 1. Soilworks incorporates by reference each and every general objection set forth
28 below into each and every specific response. From time to time a specific response may
repeat a general objection for emphasis or some other reason. The failure to include any
general objection in any specific response shall not be interpreted as a waiver of any general
objection to that response.

1 11. If Plaintiff intends to rely on advice or opinion of counsel as a basis to defend
2 against a claim for willful infringement of the Midwest Patents, state whether Plaintiff
3 received such advice or opinions pertaining to the infringement, validity and/or
4 enforceability as to each of the Midwest Patents and, as to each such advice or opinion state
5 whether given orally or in writing, the date when such advice or opinion was given, by and
6 to whom such advice or opinion was given, to whom such advice or opinion was disclosed,
7 and the nature of the advice or opinion. A complete answer to this interrogatory will, at a
8 minimum, identify and describe in detail:

9 (a) the date and circumstance upon which Plaintiff became aware of the
10 Midwest Patents or any claim asserted in the present case;

11 (b) the date and circumstances upon which Plaintiff obtained such legal
12 advice or opinions;

13 (c) the substance of each oral or written advice or opinion(s);

14 (d) any studies made regarding the validity or enforceability of the Midwest
15 Patents; and

16 (e) the identity of the person or persons most knowledgeable about the
17 response to this interrogatory and the identity of all documents which refer or relate to
18 the facts in the response or which were reviewed in preparing the response to this
19 interrogatory.

20 **ANSWER: Objection. This interrogatory is not applicable and therefore is not**
21 **calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.**

22 12. Identify each and every division, business unit, affiliate, subsidiary, or other
23 related business entity of Plaintiff, and for each identity its relationship, corporate form, and
24 corporate officers, and shareholders or ownership.

25 **ANSWER: Objection. This interrogatory is not applicable and therefore is not**
26 **calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.**

27 13. Identify, with specificity (*e.g.*, chemical composition, chemical process), what
28 makes Plaintiff's Durasoil product "ultra pure" and a "synthetic organic fluid".

innovation” and identify all documents in support.

ANSWER: Objection. This interrogatory is premature. Once the Court has entered a Protective Order which is mutually agreeable to all parties, Soilworks will make documents available from which Midwest may derive or ascertain the answer to this interrogatory pursuant to Rule 33(d), Fed.R.Civ.P., and such documents will speak for themselves.

20. Does Plaintiff believe that Durasoil is equal to, or better than, Defendant's EK35? If so, identify, with specificity, all documents supporting such belief.

ANSWER: Objection. This interrogatory is vague, overbroad and unintelligible due to lack of context. Before Soilworks can adequately respond to this interrogatory, Midwest must provide context or specify the particular application of Durasoil® about which is inquires.

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2007.

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